

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION # 07131

By: Commissioners Helaine Zack, District 22; Eileen Kowall, District 6; Hugh Crawford, District 9; Mattie Hatchett, District 10; Sue Ann Douglas, District 12

Re: **Board of Commissioners – Support for House Bill 4725 – Amendments to the Jail Overcrowding Emergency Act**

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS in 2005, this Board of Commissioners created the Oakland County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), a voluntary organization charged with developing recommendations to foster communication, cooperation, and coordination among and between all justice system agencies and entities within Oakland County; and

WHEREAS since its creation, the CJCC has successfully completed a number of projects to help manage the jail population in Oakland County. These include, but are not limited to: implementation of a felony plea program in district courts; execution of a joint local administrative order; review and development of best practices for courts and other justice system agencies; revision of information technology practices and procedures to expeditiously move cases and people through the justice system, etc.; and

WHEREAS in 2006, the Oakland County CJCC determined that its number one priority was to seek legislative revisions to the Jail Overcrowding Emergency Act, MCL 801.51, et seq., to allow counties and justice agencies to proactively manage their jail populations while, at the same time, maintain public safety; and

WHEREAS in May, 2006 the Honorable Wendy Potts, Chief Circuit Judge and Chair of the CJCC, appointed a subcommittee to draft revisions to the Jail Overcrowding Emergency Act; and

WHEREAS in August 2006, the subcommittee's revisions to the Act were presented to and approved, first by the CJCC Executive Committee and later the entire CJCC for submission to the Michigan legislature.

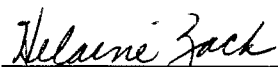
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Commissioners recognizes that chronic jail overcrowding is a problem not only for Oakland County but for many counties throughout Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby concurs with the need for legislative support for amendments to the Jail Overcrowding Emergency Act and appreciates the efforts of Representative Paul Condino to sponsor H.B. 4725.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners enthusiastically endorses the work of Oakland County's CJCC and, in concert with the CJCC, seeks legislative approval of and support for the proposed amendments as set forth in H.B. 4725.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Michigan House and Senate and all members of Oakland County's legislative delegation.

Mr. Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.



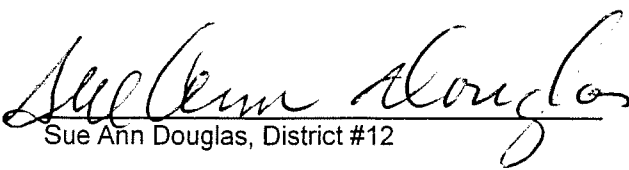
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Moved by Zack supported by Potts to suspend the rules and vote on MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #07131 – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 4725 – AMENDMENTS TO THE JAIL OVERCROWDING EMERGENCY ACT.

Vote on motion to suspend the rules:

AYES: Greimel, Hatchett, Jacobsen, Long, Middleton, Nash, Potter, Potts, Rogers, Scott, Spector, Suarez, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Burns, Coulter, Douglas, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Gregory. (22)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the motion to suspend the rules and vote on MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #07131 – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 4725 – AMENDMENTS TO THE JAIL OVERCROWDING EMERGENCY ACT carried.


Moved by Zack supported by Potts the resolution be adopted.

AYES: Hatchett, Jacobsen, Long, Middleton, Nash, Potter, Potts, Rogers, Scott, Spector, Suarez, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Burns, Coulter, Douglas, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Gregory, Greimel. (22)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution was adopted.

**I HEREBY APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION
ACTING PURSUANT TO 1973 PA 139**



STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Ruth Johnson, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on May 10, 2007, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 10th day of May, 2007.



Ruth Johnson, County Clerk